

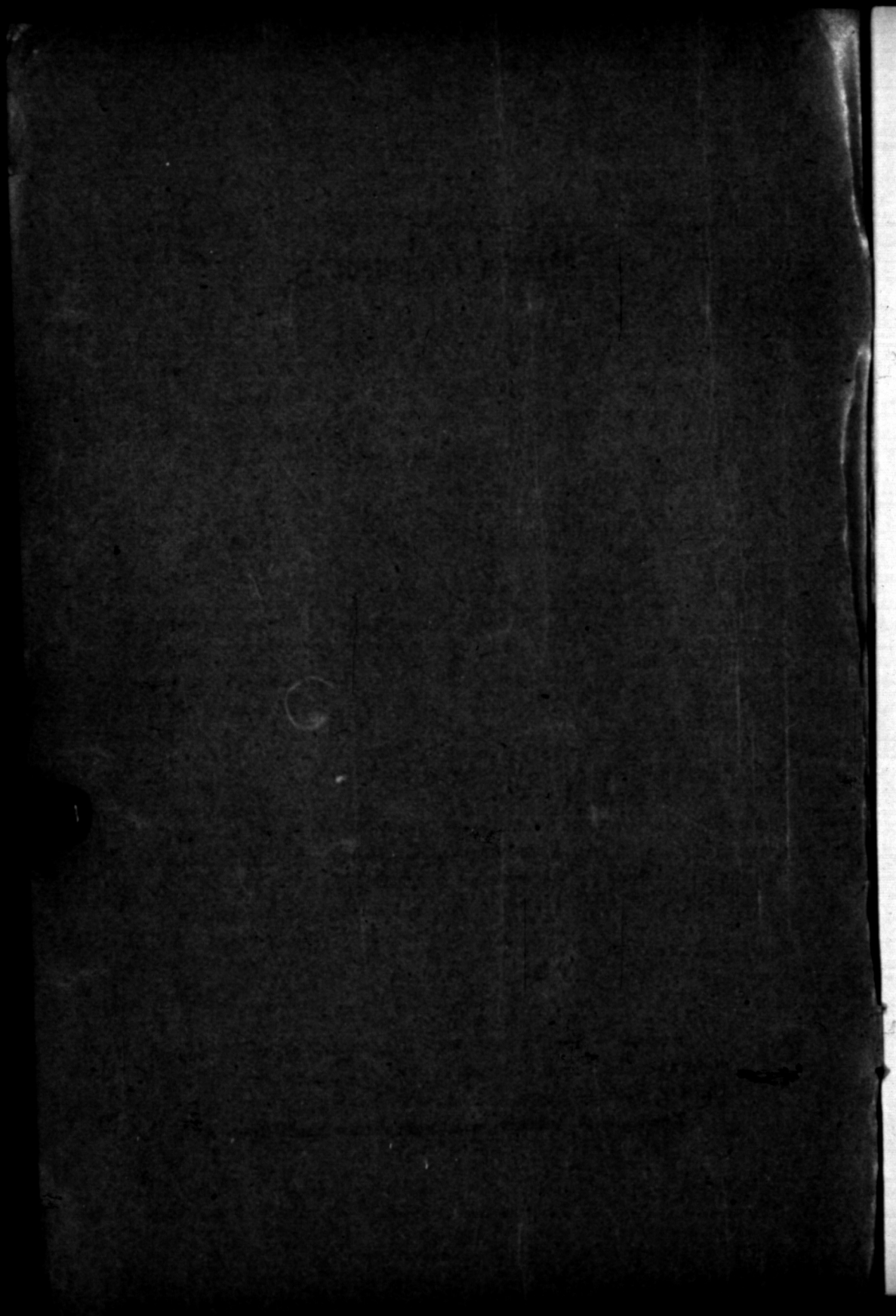
MINUTES
OF THE
24th Annual Session
OF THE
Leaf River
Baptist Association

HELD WITH
McLAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
McLAIN, MISS.
October 16 and 17, 1914

Next session will be held with Washington Baptist Church, Neshy, Miss., Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1915

REV. ALEX HUGHES,	Moderator
Lucedale, Miss.	
T. A. CHAPMAN,	Sec.-Treas.
Leakeville, Miss.	

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Leaf River
Baptist Association Held With McLain Baptist
Church, Greene County, Mississippi
October 16-17, 1914

At ten o'clock a song, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung, and a prayer offered by Rev. W. J. Harvey, after which the Association was convened.

Neither the Moderator or the Clerk having arrived, Rev. Alex Hughes was elected Moderator pro tem, and Brother E. E. Todd Clerk pro tem.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. Bracie Campbell.

Eleven o'clock, the hour for the Associational Sermon having arrived, a song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was sung, and Rev. J. J. Walker being absent, his alternate, Rev. J. E. Curry, filled the pulpit for the hour.

On motion, a program committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. J. E. Green, J. E. Miller and J. D. Turner.

After prayer by J. E. Miller, the Association adjourned for refreshments, which was served on the grounds.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

At two o'clock, "God Will Take Care of You" was sung and devotional exercises was conducted by Rev. W. J. Harvey, reading from I Cor. 13:4-5.

Election of officers was gone into, and Rev. Alex

Hughes was elected Moderator and T. A. Chapman Secretary and Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, and Shady Grove church, Salem church at Smithtown, Miss., and Salem church, (Beard's Chapel) Leaksville, Miss., made application, were received and messengers seated.

On motion, Brethren T. Tomlinson, Wirt Mills and Harry Bryan were appointed as Reading Clerks.

On motion a Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of A. H. Harvison, J. D. Turner and H. H. Rose.

Letters from the different churches were called for, read by the Reading Clerks and messengers' names enrolled as follows:

- Beaumont—Not represented.
- Cedar Grove—Len Turner.
- Fellowship—Curtis Kittrell, Ennis Neal.
- Leaf—Joe Cowart, Bruce McLeod.
- Leakesville—Jr. E. Miller, T. Tomlinson, T. A. Chapman.
- Macedonia—Not represented.
- McLain—Dr. J. E. Green, E. E. Todd, C. M. Cochran.
- New Hope—A. S. Mellichamp, B. R. Hegwood, A. L. Vise.
- Pleasant Hill—Josiah Byrd, J. F. Brewer, E. Turner.
- Rocky Creek—C. E. Davis, Wirt Mills.
- Salem (New)—W. S. Beard, E. N. Beard, Chester Beard.
- Salem—Willis Henderson, Chas. Mizel.
- Sand Hill—Murdock Walley, E. E. Roberts.
- Shady Grove—Rev. Alex. Hughes, W. M. Howell, Arthur Howell.
- Sweetwater—Kim Parker, Jno. D. Turner.
- Unity—Earl Brewer, E. M. Ball.
- Union—Harry Bryan, G. V. Band.
- Washington—Chas. Hillman, Calvin Byrd, A. H. Harvison.

Correspondents from other Associations were called for and received as follows:

L. B. Campbell—Bay Springs.

J. E. Curry—Perry County.

J. M. Kailin—Mobile, Ala.

W. J. Harvey—Yazoo.

J. L. Jackson—Washington County, Ala.

The following correspondents were appointed to other Associations:

Perry County—Dr. J. E. Green.

Mobile—Alex. Hughes.

Gulf Coast—A. H. Harvison.

The following Committees were appointed:

Foreign Missions—T. Tomlinson, J. A. Cowart, J. D. McLeod.

Home Missions—Dr. J. E. Green, Chas. Hillman, S. M. Parker.

State Missions—J. E. Curry, L. E. Turner, D. E. Doughdrill.

Music—E. M. Ball, C. H. Mizell.

Sunday Schools—N. R. Keeton.

Christian Education—L. Bracie Campbell.

Temperance—W. S. Beard, Harry Bryan, A. L. Vise.

Orphanage—J. E. Miller.

W. M. U.—E. E. Roberts, Miss Florence Dodds, Zeno Wall.

To the General Association: Alex. Hughes, Harry Bryan, E. E. Todd.

To Baptist State Convention: T. Tomlinson, messenger; Alex. Hughes, alternate.

To Southern Baptist Convention: A. H. Harvison, messenger, Alex. Hughes, alternate.

On motion, report on sustentation be dropped and report on music substituted.

On motion, separate reports be made on Home, Foreign and State Missions instead of one report embracing all, as heretofore.

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Church Discipline—Luther Turner, Drew D. Daugh-
drill, Ethridge Turner.

Periodicals and Publications—Jno. D. Turner.

State of Religion—Josiah Byrd, J. F. Brewer, Calvin
Byrd.

Queries, Requests and Nominations—E. E. Todd, E.
N. Beard, C. E. Davis.

Relations of Pastors and Churches—J. M. Kailin, W.
E. Neal.

Program Committee reported that Rev. W. J. Harvey
would preach at 8 o'clock.

Adjourned until 7:30, p.m.

FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION

Called to order at 7:30.

Report on Christian Education was read by L. B.
Campbell; discussed by L. B. Campbell, J. E. Green, J. M.
Kailin, R. W. Brooks and N. R. Keeton. On motion it was
adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Baptists have always been loyal to the ideals of Chris-
tian Education, as they have understood them; but to them
always life has meant far more than learning, character
more than intellect. Christian Education to Baptists means
the building up of the mind with materials of thought that
are pure and the drawing out thereby of the student's
possibilities for good, a positive recognition of the princi-
ple that what one is makes far more difference than what
one knows.

1 To this end the denomination operates three colleges
in Mississippi. The Junior College of this three is Clarke
Memorial College at Newton. This college enrolled dur-
ing the past session, one hundred forty-six students and
graduated a class of fourteen.

The Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg enrolled the same year more than two hundred students and graduated a large class of noble young women.

Mississippi College, at Clinton, our crown of glory, enrolled in the neighborhood of four hundred students and graduated a class of future leaders of our denomination.

These schools deserve the support of our people because from them we get the leaders of our denominational thought, and without them we cannot maintain our position of leadership in the state.

L. BRACIE CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

At 8 o'clock, W. J. Harvey preached from Mark 16:15-16, using for a theme, "A soul-winning church."

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Saturday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

After a song and prayer by N. R. Keeton, the Association was called to order at 9:15 a. m.

On motion the Moderator was given two weeks in which to appoint committees for 1915, and report to the Clerk.

Report on Temperance was read by Harry Bryan; discussed by Zeno Wall, Alex. Ball, J. E. Curry, R. W. Brooks, L. B. Campbell, Dr. Green. On motion it was adopted.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee, report as follows:

We believe that the use of alcoholic drinks is one of the most degrading habits that any man,—young or old, can indulge in. It wrecks many young men who might otherwise be of great service to their community. It has brought many good wives to sorrow and want. We are very glad that we have so many young men who never use intoxicating liquors of any kind. However, we have many, young and old, who have habits which are just as degrad-

ing as the use of liquors. We believe that if, instead of indulging in such habits, our older men would give more of their time to their Heavenly Father, more of our young men would be temperate.

Our women are, in some respects, intemperate. It is beginning to look like it was indecent for our girls and older women to come out in company, dressed in some of the modern fashions. They should prevail on their tailors to put more cloth in these dresses. We trust they will give some thought as to where these fashions originate, and try to make their next change for the better.

We ask God's blessings on the Association and its work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BEARD, *Chairman.*

HARRY BRYAN,

A. L. VISE.



Report on Periodicals and Publications was read by J. D. Turner; discussed by J. D. Turner, Zeno Wall, N. R. Keeton, J. E. Curry, L. B. Campbell. On motion it was adopted.

PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS

No Christian can render intelligent and acceptable service to God without first being informed as to his duty and there is no excuse for any Christian's being uninformed today. We should be able to give a reason for the hope within us. Your Committee, therefore, would recommend a regular reading of God's Holy Word, for it is here that we get the foundation on which our faith is built. We further recommend The Mississippi Baptist, Baptist Record, Western Recorder and the Golden Age. It would be well for parents to see to it that one or more of these papers come into the home each week. By so doing our boys and girls would be furnished with better literature than much

they do read. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field, published at Richmond, Va., and the Sunday School literature published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

Submitted,

J. D. TURNER, *Chairman.*

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Report on State of Religion was read by L. B. Campbell; discussed by Luther Turner, J. M. Kailin. On motion it was adopted..

STATE OF RELIGION

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

We find that all the churches in our Association are supplied with pastors, and all have a live working Sunday School.

There are very few Ladies' Organizations reported.

We have done something along the line of missions, but we feel that more might have been done. We realize that the world must receive the gospel through the church as the agent of Christ, and therefore we recommend that every church wake up to a fuller sense of their duty to their great Author.

JOSIAH BYRD, *Chairman.*

J. F. BREWER,

CALVIN BYRD.

On motion, Rev. N. G. Buckley was given five minutes in which to speak in the interest of The Mississippi Baptist.

Report on Relation of Pastors and Churches was read by J. M. Kailin; discussed by J. M. Kailin, J. E. Green. On motion it was adopted.

RELATIONS OF PASTORS AND CHURCHES

The hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was written as the inspiration that came from the strong attachment of a pastor and his church. The man who stands as the lead-

er of the people in spiritual affairs, as the pastor of a church, should be a man of God, consecrated and faithful at the post of duty. He is surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Heaven and earth are gazing upon him as he runs the race of pastoral fidelity. Let him magnify his office in the spirit of humility as one who must render an account of his stewardship to the Lord.

In return for faithful service the church should provide amply in material things for the pastor, as well as to give him hearty co-operation in his work as a soul winner. Permit no word of reproach to stain his reputation. Remember that he must be a man of good report to do his work effectively, and that this good report comes, largely, from the esteem in which he is held by his church. Do not call your pastor for one year, but give him an indefinite term. Pastors and churches cannot thrive on short pastorates. The relation is too often sundered for frivolous reasons. Bear and forbear should apply to both pastor and church. Begin and close the relation with prayer for divine guidance.

As to the amount of the pastor's salary, the churches are not quite up to the average of the country Baptist churches of Mississippi. All the improvement possible should be made in this direction. The pastor should not be regarded as a hireling, but he is worthy of all that we can do for him. It is a paying investment.

J. M. KAILIN, *Chairman.*

W. E. NEAL.

Report on Orphanage was read by J. E. Miller; discussed by J. E. Miller, N. R. Keeton. On motion it was adopted.

THE ORPHANAGE

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, (our home for homeless children) located at Jackson, was established seventeen years ago. The object of this home is to provide

food, clothing, shelter and training for the unfortunate orphan children who have neither parents nor other relatives to care for them.

Since its establishment, more than seven hundred children have been cared for, for a longer or shorter time. Many of them have grown up in the home and have gone out into the world to take their places in society, most of them fulfilling useful missions in the world. We have now in the home two hundred forty children.

We believe Orphanage work to be clearly the work of Christ, and our home at Jackson certainly has the stamp of His divine approval; and much has been accomplished by the united efforts of our people.

This year has been a hard one with our home. Early in the spring two children coming into the home brought the measles, which spread through the home. There were about one hundred seventy-five cases in the home—one hundred thirty in the bed at one time. But through the skillful doctoring and nursing, and blessing of our Heavenly Father, there was only one death. Owing to the burning of the school house last year, the Board, at an April meeting, ordered the erection of a brick school house, that would accomodate 300 children. This building is now ready for use. Much of the work on the house was done by the Superintendent and children to reduce cost, but with that we had to borrow \$4,500. This money must be replaced. If all our churches will come to the help of the Orphanage, this indebtedness can be easily met. We would recommend that all our Sunday Schools adopt the plan of giving one collection per month to the Orphanage. \$5.00 per month will support an orphan. We would also recommend that each church in the Association make an effort to secure a contribution from each member during the month of November as a thank offering. This may be accomplished by the church through the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. and L. A. S. We learn with sorrow that our Superintendent has had to borrow money to buy bread for

our orphan children. This ought not to be, and we trust that our people will be more liberal on the support of the Orphanage.

We find that there are sixteen churches in this Association. Three of these churches report \$113.55 sent the Home. One church reports box of clothing. The other twelve churches do not report anything.

Let our churches, besides cash, send boxes of clothing, (good second hand clothing accepted) canned goods, groceries, of all kinds, syrup, shoes, stockings, (mostly large ones,) and any other thing that can be used in providing for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MILLER, *Chairman.*

On motion, a collection amounting to \$12.32 was taken for the Orphanage, followed by prayer by T. Tomlinson.

Report on Church Discipline was read by Luther Turner; discussed by Luther Turner, Alex. Hughes, J. E. Curry and Bro. Holcomb. On motion further discussion of this report was deferred till 1:30 p. m.

Report on Music read by Alex. Ball; discussed by Alex. Ball, Alex. Hughes, B. L. Campbell. On motion it was adopted.

MUSIC

Music originated in Heaven and is one of God's greatest gifts to man. Singing harmonizes the minds of the congregation and leads them up to a higher attitude of thought. We believe there are many souls led to Christ through song service. Paul and Silas prayed and sang and the jail doors were opened, letting the prisoners go free. We believe singing is one of the greatest services of the church, and if this be true, we should give more attention to the teaching of vocal music. There have been but few music schools taught in churches this year, therefore we recommend that every church in this Association

secure a good teacher for ten days during the summer, to teach vocal music. We further recommend that each church organize a class for practice on Sunday afternoons and notice the difference in your church music.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BALL, *Chairman.*

C. H. MIZELL.

On motion, adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Refreshments served on grounds.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order at 1:30 p. m. Alex. Ball, E. E. Roberts and T. Tomlinson appointed to recommend a song book to be used in this Association, and report at next meeting.

Discussion of report on Church Discipline concluded by Zeno Wall. On motion it was adopted.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Brethren, what we want to do in this report is to show that we as a denomination need a stricter discipline in our churches.

Now, what we mean by discipline is a regulation in order and conduct, closer organized for better and more efficient work and stricter coerced for the mental and moral training of our membership.

In some of our churches today there is no line of separation to be seen. We can not tell the church member from the non-church member. These things ought not to be so. And now we as Christians should draw this line of contra-distinction.

One of the curses on Christianity today is, there is no line of distinction.

The lack of discipline in a church makes the church like the world. We need a better equipped membership, more efficient in leadership, that we may be able to lead

our brethren who have gone off in sin, back in close communion with the Lord.

To discipline a church is not to bring up every little frivolous dissention that happens among the membership. It is a sin to carry the little confusions to the church before we put forth our endeavors to reconcile those offended. We find that our Lord and Master prescribed a way to handle such matters. First, let those offended get together and try to become reconciled, and if they fail, get some others to help them in bringing about a renewal of friendship: then if there is a failure to bring about a reconciliation, carry it to the church.

Brethren, we should become very serious about the disciplinary work of our membership, and go to work to regulate them through love. Let us as Christ's representatives come together and help the weak, lift the fallen and pray for the wanderer. Talk and teach the backslider and bring them back in close communion with the Lord, and point the lost in sin to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER TURNER,
D. D. DAUGHDRIEL,
ETHERIDGE TURNER,
Committee

Ordered that each church in the Association be requested to have appointed a Discipline Committee.

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Report on Sunday Schools was read by Brother Holcomb; discussed by Brother Holcomb and J. E. Miller. On motion it was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee, are rejoiced that we are able to report a Sunday School in each church of our Association. But while we are gratified at this evidence of progress

and the work that is being done in all these schools, we are as yet far from being entirely satisfied.

Being heartily in sympathy with the improved methods in Sunday School work that are now being urged by our Sunday School Board and this department of our State Mission Board, we realize that there is yet much to be done in our Association in the proper training of our Superintendents, officers and teachers, as well as in the better equipment of our church buildings for this particular work.

Not to burden our report with too much detail, we conclude with the following recommendations:

1. That we shall all put forward an effort with renewed zeal to build up the work as it is.

2. That any Sunday School desiring help in increasing its efficiency shall communicate with Brother J. E. Byrd, Mt. Olive, Miss., who is our State Sunday School Evangelist.

3. That every church in the Association shall immediately organize a Training Class for the proper education of its Sunday School workers; and that this organization, as well as the material for use in the class, shall be that recommended by our Sunday School Board.

4. And finally, it is the opinion of your committee that the Association should at its present session consider the advisability of organizing a Leaf River Associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention.

We earnestly urge that the Association shall follow out, as a body and by church, the above named recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. KEETON.

QUERIES, REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:
Several churches have asked for the Association next

year, and after prayerful consideration, we recommend that we meet with Washington Baptist church, at Neely, Miss., on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1915.

We further recommend that Rev. T. Tomlinson preach the Associational Sermon, with Rev. L. B. Campbell as alternate.

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FINANCE

We your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

Received for Associational purposes	\$47.70
Received for Foreign Missions	12.74
Received for Home Missions	2.50
Received for State Missions	13.50
Received for Orphanage	2.05
Total	\$78.49

Submitted,

A. H. HARVISON, *Chairman*,

J. D. TURNER,

H. H. ROSE.

On motion, J. E. Miller, T. Tomlinson and W. R. Keeton appointed to revise "Gospel Order" and "Rules of Decorum" and furnish the Clerk with a copy of same as soon as possible.

On motion, the reports on missions be read at the night session and Zeno Wall have an hour for discussion of them.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION

Called to order at 7:30. Song and prayer by J. L. Jackson. A collection amounting to \$4.41 was taken and presented to J. L. Jackson, who is a cripple.

Report on W. M. U. was read by E. E. Roberts; discussed by E. E. Roberts. On motion adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg to submit the following as our report:

We find but two W. M. U.'s in the churches of the Leaf River Association; one at Leaksville and one at Salem. The one at Leaksville reports \$95.46 raised for the various objects fostered by their church. The one at Salem failed to report its work.

We think every Baptist church ought to have all of its members interested in church work, and to be interested in the church work means that every member must either be helping the church, or be helped by the church. And we need those organizations, and only those organizations which will afford work for every member, hence the Woman's Missionary organization. The good women of the church organize to do the definite things which Christ names that women can do best, such as: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and visiting the sick. For in Matthew 25:35-36 we have these words from the Lord Himself: "For I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me," naming as you see those things which a woman can do.

We, your Committee would recommend the work of our good women and urge the pastors to see that the women of their respective churches be definitely organized.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
FLORENCE DODDS,
ZENO WALL.

Report on State Missions was read by J. E. Curry; discussed by J. E. Curry. On motion adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

As Jesus said in Acts 1:8, "Which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in all Samaria.

State Missions, as we understand, is the basis of Home and Foreign Missions, and our greatest need is State Missions, because in building a house, we must lay a good foundation and this is the place to begin our work. We are falling short of our apportionment, up to this time, about \$22,650 and we need this to meet this year's expenses in the Southern part of the state. We need more money to meet the needs of the poor churches out from the railroad, and hope our churches will consider this and help more in State Mission causes than they have ever done before.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CURRY,

DREW D. DAUGHRILL,

ETHERIDGE TURNER.



Report on Home Missions was read by Dr. J. E. Green and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

Dear Brethern: We, your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to make the following report:

Let us remember that Home Missions means a great deal more than helping your next door neighbor. When we cast our eyes out hem ap and there behold the seventeen Southern States, Cuba, Panama and the Philippine Islands, then it is that our eyes are opened and we are forced to say that when we give to Home Missions we are giving to a big, grand and godly cause; therefore let us give more freely of what God has given us.

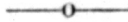
Our Home Mission Board is located in Atlanta, Ga., and from this great center we send out missionaries all

over this Southland to aid our weak churches along until they gain strength enough to stand and then go on carrying out the commands of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through our Home Mission Board we carry the gospel to tens of thousands each year and lead many souls to Christ.

Brethren, the Home Mission cause is one of "Help somebody today," therefore when our pastor announces the Home Mission collection, let us stand by him and make it a big one, for God will bless those who honor Him.

Humbly submitted,

J. E. GREEN,
S. M. PARKER,
C. HILLMAN.



Report on Foreign Missions was read by T. Tomlinson and adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We believe in Foreign Missions because Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." As a denomination through Southern Baptist Convention we began mission work in China in 1845; Africa, 1850; Italy, 1870; Mexico, 1880; Brazil, 1881, Japan, 1889 and Argentina, 1903. A note of triumph permeates the reports of all our Missionaries as they tell of victories and beg for others to be sent. The war in Mexico brightens our prospects there. Many stations are becoming self-supporting. Seventeen missionaries were sent last year. In the different fields we have 273 missionaries, 569 native helpers, 358 churches, 990 out-stations, with 27,545 members. There were 4,532 baptisms last year. We have 483 Sunday Schools, 367 day schools, with 7,783 students; 18 hospitals, which have treated 65,333 patients.

With new opportunities before us because of present wars in Europe, we should redouble our efforts to enter at every open door. We look for glorious advance in the for-

eign field and urge our churches to sustain our conquering hosts at the front.

Humbly submitted,

T. TOMLINSON,

J. B. McLEOD,

J. A. COWART.

Committee.

Rev. Zeno Wall discussed for an hour the Mission reports, outlining the work being done and made an earnest appeal for more effective work in South Mississippi.

N. R. Keeton, the retiring Moderator, made a touching farewell address to the Association and presented the new Moderator with a gavel, carved out of a piece of hickory wood.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Brother N. R. Keeton, who has been Moderator of this Association for the past five years, and who has been instrumental in placing it on higher planes of usefulness in the Master's Kingdom, has seen fit to move to other fields of usefulness, therefore be it

Resolved, That this body express to him their appreciation of his faithful and efficient service and pray God's richest blessings on him wherever his lot may be cast.

The following order of business was adopted by the Association:

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Secretary and Treasurer's Report.
3. Election of officers.
4. Reading Rules of Decorum.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Arrangement of Correspondence.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

Additional resolutions were adopted as follows:

1. That each church send their Associational Letter and money for minutes, etc., to Clerk at least ten days before the time of meeting; and all money for missions, Orphanage, etc. be sent direct to the Boards.

2. That the Moderator visit each church in this Association, if possible, during the year and urge a more liberal mission contribution.

3. That we express to the people of McLain, of all denominations, our thanks for their hospitality during this session of the Association.

4. That we adjourn to meet with Washington Baptist church, seven miles east of McLain, on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1915.

The session was closed with special prayer for peace among warring nations in the Old World.

ALEX. HUGHES, *Moderator.*

T. A. CHAPMAN, *Sec.-Treas.*

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TREASURER'S REPORT—1913-'14.

Balance from last year	\$1.10
Received for Associational Purposes	47.50

Total receipts	\$48.60
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Disbursements:

Paid for printing Minutes	\$32.50
Paid Clerk	10.00
Paid Treasurer	3.00

Total disbursement	\$45.50
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Balance on hand (paid to Clerk)	\$3.10
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J. C. ROBERTS, *Treasurer.*

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Beaumont—

Cedar Grove—S. R. Breland.

Fellowship—C. P. Smith.

Leaf—Joe Cowart.
 Leakesville—J. E. Miller.
 McLain—C. O. Backstrom.
 New Hope—B. R. Hegwood.
 Pleasant Hill—Josiah Byrd.
 Rocky Creek—Al Eubanks.
 Salem (New)—Jas. Byrd.
 Salem (Smithtown)—Willis Henderson.
 Sand Hill—J. C. Roberts.
 Shady Grove—
 Sweetwater—J. D. Turner.
 Unity—W. D. Ball.
 Washington—Calvin Byrd.
 Union—W. D. Horne.

TO WRITE REPORTS FOR 1915:

State of Religion—T. A. Chapman.
 Periodicals and Publications—Harry Bryan.
 Christian Education—Newton James.
 Orphanage—J. D. Turner.
 Temperance—Curtis Mallef.
 Church Discipline—Alex. Ball.
 Music—E. E. Roberts.
 Sunday Schools—J. E. Miller.
 W. M. U.—Mrs. T. Tomlinson.
 Relations of Churches and Pastors—D. R. Hegwood.
 Memorials—A. H. Harvison.
 State Missions—T. Tomlinson.
 Home Missions—Dr. J. E. Green.
 Foreign Missions—Luther Turner.
 Queries, Requests and Nominations—F. N. Scott.

(Note)—The Moderator requests that churches elect these Chairmen as messengers, and that they bring reports ready prepared.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Tom Tomlinson Leakesville, Miss.
 Alex. Hughes, ... Lucedale, Miss.

A. G. Morgan	Hintonville, Miss.
Luther Turner	Janet, Miss.

LICENTIATES

Curtis Mallett	Lucedale, Route 1, Miss.
E. E. Roberts	Richton, Route 1, Miss.
F. N. Scott	Cross Roads, Miss.
M. W. Ball	Leaksville, Route 1, Miss.

MINISTERS OF OTHER ASSOCIATIONS SUPPLY-
ING CHURCHES IN THIS

W. T. Smith	Ovett, Miss.
R. W. Brooks	Pollard, Ala.
J. E. Curry	Richton, Miss.
L. B. Campbell	Newton, Miss.

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OUR DEAD

Cedar Grove—Laura Clifton.
 Fellowship—J. Edgar Coker.
 New Hope—John Vise.
 Rocky Creek—Sarah Dielorson.
 Shady Grove—Martha Ranager.
 Unity—Posey Moore.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Leaf River Baptist Association of Missionary Baptists.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be to carry out our Lord's command, viz.: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And especially to promote the Sunday School cause, to encourage a deeper interest in our denominational schools and literature; to encourage temperance; to use our best efforts to preach the gospel to the destitute and to further any and all worthy benevolent enterprises.

Article 3. The membership of this body shall consist of messengers elected annually by the churches belonging to the Association.

Article 4. This Association shall meet annually at a time and place decided upon at the preceding meeting.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of each church belonging to this body to elect and send annually three messengers, together with a letter containing such information as may be required to make up intelligible tables of statistics.

Article 6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected, whose duties shall be such as devolve upon such officers.

Article 7. There shall be a Mission Board consisting of one member from each church belonging to this Association, such members to be appointed annually by the Moderator and approved by the Association.

Article 8. This Board shall meet while the Association is in session and elect its own chairman and secretary, and attend to any other business that may be necessary, and shall hold its meetings regularly thereafter on Satur-

day before the fifth Sunday during the year. This Board shall have power to transact all business relating to the objects for which this Association stands. Five or more shall be considered a quorum to transact business at any regular meeting.

Article 9. This Association shall never exercise any ecclesiastical authority whatever over the churches.

Article 10. Corresponding messengers from other Associations and Conventions of Missionary Baptists, and all brethren who may be invited to seats with us, are entitled to all the privileges of the Association except the right to vote.

Article 11. Before the close of the meeting of the Association the Moderator shall appoint a principal and an alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

Article 12. All questions coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority vote, except that it shall require a two-thirds vote to exclude a church, or alter the Constitution or Articles of Faith; and any such alteration shall be made only after one year's notice thereof has been given, it being definitely understood that Article 1 shall ever remain in full force.

Article 13. Every church belonging to this Association is expected to contribute regularly to the work of this Association, the contributing church or individual having the right to specify the object to which the contribution should be applied.

Article 14. Every sitting of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of mixed truth, is perfect rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe in one God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression from that happy state and is now utterly void of holiness.

4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone.

5. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord.

6. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the gospel.

7. We believe that except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the kingdom of Christ on earth or to enjoy His glory hereafter.

8. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are duties of every one who hears the gospel.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

10. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.

11. We believe in the preservation of the saints: that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of His church and moral government.

13. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, obeying the ordinances and observing the laws of Christ and that its officers are pastors and deacons.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer, in water, by a properly qualified administrator, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

15. We believe that only such as have been properly

baptized and received in the fellowship of the regularly organized Baptist church should partake of the Lord's Supper.

16. We believe that the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath should be observed and sacredly devoted to religious services.

17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nations should be obeyed when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the Gospel.

18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead.

19. We believe in the final judgment; and that in that day the righteous and wicked will be separated forever.

20. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell.

GOSPEL ORDER

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep a Godly discipline, agreeable to the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized

church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions not otherwise provided for shall be decided by vote.

3. Any member not satisfied with the decision of the Moderator, may appeal to the Association on the same day.

4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator, and when thus addressed, shall decide on the right of speaking.

5. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission of the Association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except he depart from the subject, or use language of personal reflection.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another member in his seat; but he shall not vote on any subject unless the Association shall be equally divided.

8. A proposition may come before the Association by motion and second, but no two propositions shall be entertained at the same time.

9. When a proposition is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

10. When a motion has been decided, it shall be in

order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for a reconsideration during the session.

11. No member shall be tolerated in any practice to corrupt good order. Every member shall speak respectfully to the officers and members of the Association and use the appellation "Brother" and no one shall leave the Association without permission.

12. All questions of order not provided for, shall be determined according to the usual practice of deliberate bodies.

13. These rules may be amended by two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

STATISTICS

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK	Clerk's P. O.
Beaumont.....	Luther Turner		
Cedar Grove.....	Alex. Hughes.	R. D. Cochran.	Leakesville
Fellowship.....	T. Tomlinson.	J. E. Kittrell....	State Line
Leaf.....	Luther Turner	Tom Phipkins....	Leaf
Leakesville.....	T. Tomlinson..	T. A. Chapman..	Leakesville
Maedonia.....			
McLain.....	L. B. Campbell	W. C. Roberts..	McLain
New Hope.....	J. E. Curry..	J. T. Vise.....	Agicola
Pleasant Hill.....	J. E. Curry..	Gaines West.....	Janet
Rocky Creek.....	Alex. Hughes	Will Mills.....	Lucedale, R. 1
Salem (New).....	T. Tomlinson.	J. W. Mills.....	Leakesville
.. (Smithtown)	W. T. Smith.	W. W. Henderson	Smithtown
Sand Hill.....	T. Tomlinson.	R. L. Walley....	Richton, R. 1
Shady Grove.....	Alex. Hughes	J. W. Ranager..	Cross Roads
Sweetwater.....	R. W. Brooks.	J. D. Turner....	Leakesville, R. 1
Union.....	J. E. Curry..	O. B. Bryan....	Lucedale
Unity.....	Alex. Hughes.	M. W. Ball.....	Leakesville, R. 1
Washington.....	Alex. Hughes	T. B. Byrd.....	Neeley

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	Superintendent	POSTOFFICE	Pupils Teachers	Avg. Attendance	Baptisms	Contributions	Expenses	Literature
Beaumont	Charlie Coaker	Leakesville	359	45				S. B. C.
Cedar Grove	J. E. Kittrell	State Line	435		6		7 41	S. B. C.
Fellowship	Joe Cowart	Leaf	330		6	20 00	52 00	S. B. C.
Leaf	C. E. Anding	Leakesville	881					S. B. C.
Leakesville								Union
Macedonia			84	8		2 00		S. B. C.
McLain	B. R. Hegwood	Agricola	686					S. B. C.
New Hope	D. C. Turner	Janet	450			8 55		S. B. C.
Pleasant Hill	E. L. Parker	Lucedale, R. F. D. No. 2	4134	75		5 90		S. B. C.
Rocky Creek	Rufus Beard	Leakesville	464	21				S. B. C.
Salem (New)	W. F. Hoveter	Smithtown	430				5 00	S. B. C.
" (Smithtown)	R. L. Walley	Richton, R. F. D. No. 1	467					S. B. C.
Sand Hill	W. D. Howell	Mountain	460	45				S. B. C.
Shady Grove	J. D. Turner	Leakesville, R. F. D. No. 1	596		16		60 00	S. B. C.
Sweetwater								S. B. C.
Union	E. M. Ball	Leakesville, R. F. D. No. 1	675	50				S. B. C.
Unity								
Washington								

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STATISTICAL TABLE

	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death	Total Membership	Home	Foreign	State	Orphanage	Pastor Salary	Visiting Preacher	Charity	Church Value	Incidental	For minutes	No. minutes	Ministerial Ed	Bldg & Repr.
Beaumont	31	4					122	8 30	8 30	14 00	28 50	150.00	52.00		1000		1.50	10		23 70
Cedar Grove	7	4				1	35					80.50	31.70		700		3.00	30		
Fellowship	6	2		1			66		7 25		2 05		20.81		300		2.00	10		
Leaf	10	8		4			118	81 25	82 86	5 00	83 60	500.00	137.00	2.00	5000		5.00	35	10.00	
Leakesville																				
Macedonia																				
McLain	13	4		5		1	92	20 04	6 40			200.00	51.60		1000		3.00	25		
New Hope						1	123	2 50	2 50	4 00							3.50	25		
Pleasant Hill	2	2		11			101	6 23	6 23	3 65		96.60	18.85		500		2.50	20		
Rocky Creek	12	7		10	1	1	212	10 00	13 60	6 40		144.99	39.07	196.00	1000		5.00	35	6.50	28 00
Salem (New)	24	12					36	2 25	2 30			100.00			1000		2.50	12		561 91
(Smithtown)																				
Sand Hill	3			4			17	2 25	2 25	1 00		27.00	21.50		250		1.25	10		
Shady Grove	22	2					97		16 50			120.00			600		5.00	35		
Sweetwater	21	4		69			110		7 25	3 50	5 00	100.10	23.50		500		3.00	15		59 00
Union	8	1					77					200.00	30.00				3.00	20	5.00	
Unity	17	11					63	9 50				51.10				16.50	1.45	10		
Washington	2	1	12				90	8 35		3 54		75.00	15.00	10.00	650		2.00	15		6 50
								2 50	2 50	33 50		122.00	31.00	10.95	200		5.00	35		

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